

EVERYDAY BLOOMINGTON HEROES

IT'S IN OUR HANDS

CREATING A SNAPSHOT OF OUR COMMUNITY



WHAT HAPPENS EVERY 10 YEARS and only takes 10 minutes to complete? The United States Census. The next census will begin April 1, 2010. It is required by law that all U.S. citizens participate. Here are just a few reasons why you should want to take part:

- The census shows how many people are living in cities and neighborhoods and dictates future needs for seniors, youth and workers.
- Each year, \$300 billion in federal and state funds are distributed based on census counts.
- Census data is used by community service organizations to plan services and obtain funding.
- The census creates a snapshot of our country, including where and how we live.

The City of Bloomington Planning Division will be assisting the Census Bureau to ensure that Bloomington address lists are complete and accurate. For more information, go to [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND  
CITIZENS AND POLICE AWARDED FOR  
EXTRAORDINARY ACTS

A GROUP OF CITIZENS AND POLICE was recently recognized by the Bloomington Police Department for their heroic and often life-saving actions. Among those honored at the City Council event were Mall of America Security Officer Zachary Buhlman for persuading a suicidal person not to jump from a MOA parking deck and young Andee Nestaval, who saved her sister Gabrielle when a neighbor's dog attacked.

Eleven members of the Bloomington Police Department and

three police dispatchers were awarded commendation medals for their participation in the pursuit and eventual capture of a suspect in a bank robbery.

In addition, Citizen's Commendation Medals were awarded to Rainbow Foods employee Lynn Johnson for providing CPR to a heart attack victim and Allison Graening of Waverly, Iowa, for saving a



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five-year-old boy from drowning in a hotel pool.



BLOOMINGTON FIRE CAPTAIN TOM CHEREP, left, has been a volunteer firefighter for more than 13 years. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, who was a firefighter for the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Cherep serves as captain and fire prevention officer at Fire Station 6.

According to Cherep, the best part of his job is teaching children about fire prevention and safety. Cherep recalls a time when firefighters in his hometown of Pittsburgh came to visit his school. It left an indelible impression on the budding fire captain. Now Cherep hopes to leave the same lasting impression on the children he teaches.

Although Cherep loves his job and has always wanted to be a firefighter, he confessed to sometimes struggling with the uncertainty of not knowing when or where the next call will happen.

"Countless times we have sat down for dinner and a call comes in," Cherep said. "Let's just say, you get used to eating cold meals."

To volunteer for the Bloomington Fire Department, call 952-563-4801.



YOUR OPINION COUNTS – WE WANT TO KNOW!  
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE BRIEFING?

THE CITY'S NEWSLETTER, the Briefing, is published six times a year. A copy is mailed to each household and business in Bloomington. The issue you are reading costs just 25 cents to print and mail.

Add your 2¢ – Take a minute and give us your opinion.

Please give us your feedback on how you think we're doing on the Briefing. Your input will be used for future issues.

✓ Please check all that apply.

Where do you get your information about the City of Bloomington?

- ☐ Briefing
- ☐ Bloomington Sun-Current
- ☐ Minneapolis Star Tribune
- ☐ Cable television (The Bloomington Channel 14)
- ☐ Local broadcast television
- ☐ City of Bloomington website
- ☐ City flyers and brochures
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How valuable is the Briefing?

- ☐ Not valuable
- ☐ So-so
- ☐ Somewhat valuable
- ☐ Valuable
- ☐ Very valuable

How often would you like to receive this newsletter?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Once a year
- ☐ 4 times a year
- ☐ 6 times a year (present frequency)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Which feature(s) do you like best?

- ☐ Mayor's column
- ☐ Parks, recreation and arts
- ☐ Development updates
- ☐ Finance/budget (Corporate Report)
- ☐ Human Services
- ☐ Recycling, environment
- ☐ Upcoming events
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Which feature(s) do you like least:

- ☐ Mayor's column
- ☐ Parks, recreation and arts
- ☐ Development updates
- ☐ Finance/budget (Corporate Report)
- ☐ Human Services
- ☐ Recycling, environment
- ☐ Upcoming events
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Each Briefing issue is eight to 12 pages. How many pages would you like the newsletter to contain?

- ☐ 2 pages
- ☐ 4 pages
- ☐ 8 - 12 pages (present size)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

What features or information would you like to see added?

Comments or recommendations?

RETURN YOUR COMMENTS

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Thank you for completing this survey.